

# ***FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET***

**Meeting Date:** November 12, 2015

**Agenda Item:** Lease Agreement for Round Up Fishing Access Site, Blackfoot River

**Division:** Fisheries

**Action Needed:** Endorsement

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 5 Minutes

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## **Background**

The Blackfoot Corridor Agreement was renewed with F&W Commission approval in 2015. During this process, it was discovered that one of the main fishing access sites in the Blackfoot Corridor, a private holding known as "Round Up FAS", has been managed over time by FWP without formal agreement to do so. The landowner and FWP would now like to establish a formal lease agreement. FWP is already managing this site for public use, so very few additional maintenance resources would be necessary. The landowner did request that a trash receptacle be established at the site; otherwise the agreement would involve no additional cost to FWP.

## **Public Involvement Process & Results**

Any mutually acceptable lease agreement drafted after a Commission endorsement would later be proposed for public comment with additional Commission approval. Such approval would initiate a public process, to include public opportunities to comment on the terms and content of the agreement.

## **Alternatives and Analysis**

1. Formalize the management of Round Up FAS in a lease agreement.
2. Continue with the informal management of the site.

## **Agency Recommendation & Rationale**

FWP recommends that a formal agreement be established with this landowner on this very important Blackfoot River access point. An agreement that details respective roles, expectations, and responsibilities helps to protect everyone's interest.

## **Proposed Motion**

I move that the Commission endorse negotiation of a lease agreement between FWP and the private owner of the Round Up FAS to formally secure FWP long-term management of the site.